

REMARKS

I. Formalities

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references cited with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on July 12, 2006.

II. Status of the Application

By the present amendment, Applicant hereby amends claims 6 and 7. Applicant also hereby cancels claims 1, 3, 5, and 8-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6, 7, 21 and 23-28 are all the claims pending in the Application, with claims 6 and 7 being in independent form. The present amendment addresses each point of objection and rejection raised by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 21, 23-28 have been allowed. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 6, 7, 12 and 13 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant hereby rewrites claims 6 and 7 in independent form. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 6 and 7 are immediately allowable.

Since all of the rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicant submits that the present application is in a condition for immediate allowance.

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 8-11, 14-17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Miyazaki Yasuhiro [Japan Publication number 2002-260427]. Since claims

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1, 3, 5, 8-11 and 14-17 have been canceled without prejudice of disclaimer, the Examiner's rejections with respect to these claims are now moot.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

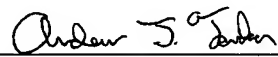
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